

REMARKS

Consideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing Amendments, which are explained in the Remarks that follow.

Claims 7-20, 23, 27, 29 and 31-33 are pending in the application, with claims 7, 12, 15, 17, 23, 27, 29 and 31 being the independent claims. Claim 25 is canceled. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant would like to thank Examiner Shew for the indication of the allowability of claims 7-20, 23, 27, 29 and 31-33.

Applicant has canceled claim 25 in light of the indicated allowability of the other claims. Applicant intends, in the near future, to pursue a continuation patent application on the as yet allowed subject matter. Applicant understands that this course of action would significantly reduce the issues to be considered, and is not surrendering any subject matter at this time.

With the entry of these amendments, applicant respectfully submits that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all currently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn.


Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all currently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment and reply is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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